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Education Committee  
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In Opposition to  
HB 6357 Sec. 22

AA Implementing the Budget Recommendations of the Governor Concerning Education

I am Martin Mador, 130 Highland Ave., Hamden, CT 06518. I am the volunteer Legislative Chair for the Connecticut Chapter of the Sierra Club. I hold a Masters of Environmental Management degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

The Community Investment Act was established to provide funding for open space, historic preservation, affordable housing, and support of state agriculture and farmland. These programs concern land use—the common theme of the CIA. They are funded through fees from land record recording. The program has met its purpose admirably since inception in 2005.

Raiding funds from one program to meet the needs of an unrelated program, no matter how worthy that program, is very poor legislative fiscal policy. To add to the insult, the designated set-aside amount in the bill is eight times the largest designated amount for the existing programs.

This proposal is ill conceived. Funding for education projects should come from the education budget, not from funds taken from another highly successful program in an entirely unrelated area.